

BROOME COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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LDC Board Meeting Transcript

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Held telephonically, November 17, 2021, commencing at  
1:01 p.m. Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

[See attendees at end of Transcript.]

REPORTED BY:

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Broome County Industrial Development Agency

Chairman Bernardo: I would like to call to order the meeting of the Broome County Local Development Corporation of November 17th, 2021.

Looking for a motion to approve the transcript of our meeting of October 20th, 2021.

Mr. Rose: So, moved.

Chairman Bernardo: Thank you, Brian. Is there a second?

Mr. Mirabito: Second.

Chairman Bernardo: Thank you, Joe. Are there any comments relative to the transcript? We'll have a vote. All those in favor, say aye.

Unknown: [Aye -- in unison.]

Chairman Bernardo: Any opposed? Carried. Looking for Public Comment. Anybody wishing to speak on any matter concerning the Broome County Local Development Corporation, please state your name and address for the record and limit your comments to five minutes, if you will. Yes, John.

Mr. Solak: John Solak, Binghamton. You know, I have a problem with this potential five-million-dollar transfer of public funds into the Broome Local Development Corporation. Number one, because it seems to be a carte blanche. Once it comes

into your hands, you can do anything you want to do with it. This -- the problem that I have is you're not elected officials. So essentially, this gives you a big five-million-dollar slush fund to play with. This American Rescue Funding is sometimes nicknamed the COVID money. And of course, it has nothing to do with COVID -- the disbursement of funds to you -- just like the George Harvey Justice Building had nothing to do with the damage done by the tobacco business. So, I don't think you should engage in this. It's fine for your Executive Director to talk to the county. But I think you make it easy for county elected officials to abdicate their responsibility. They're just going to cut you a check. Now, I assume this money is going to go to the country club site. Maybe not, but I -- the country club would be in the IDA. This to me, is a perversion of the American Rescue Plan. It is putting too much discretion in the Executive Director's hands -- and I say to you, this is the wrong approach. This is not good policy, and you should reject it thoroughly. And I guess that's the only thing that intrigued me on the agenda today, so I'm signing off.

Chairman Bernardo: Thank you, John.

Anybody else have any comments for us related to the LDC? We'll call this session to a close.

New Business. Looking for a motion to table items number four and number five.

Mr. Bucci: Motion.

Chairman Bernardo: Mayor, thank you for that. Is there a second?

Mr. Gates: Second.

Chairman Bernardo: Thank you, Dan. All those -- any discussion? All those in favor, say Aye.

Unknown: [Aye -- in unison.]

Chairman Bernardo: Any opposed? Those items have been tabled. Is there any Old Business, Stacey?

Ms. Duncan: I do not have any.

Chairman Bernardo: Okay, looking for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Crocker: Motion.

Chairman Bernardo: Thank you, Dan. Is there a second?

Mr. Rose: [Inaudible.]

Chairman Bernardo: Thank you, Brian. All those in favor, say aye.

Unknown: [Aye -- in unison.]

Chairman Bernardo: Any opposed? We are adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

[Meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Crocker, seconded by Mr. Rose at 1:05 p.m.]

[Attendees: John Bernardo, Jim Peduto, Rich Bucci, Dan Crocker, Brian Rose, Joe Mirabito, Dan Gates, Cheryl Sacco, Stacey Duncan, Tom Gray, Natalie Abbadessa, Carrie Hornbeck, Theresa Ryan, Brendan O'Bryan, Amy Williamson, Joe Meagher, John Solak.]

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COUNTY OF BROOME :

I, CARRIE HORNBECK, Executive Assistant,  
do certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate  
transcript of the Broome County Local Development  
Corporation Board Meeting, held telephonically, on  
November 17, 2021.

*Carrie Hornbeck / signed electronically*

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